

Wake Forest

North Carolina

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 14, 2010

Members Present: Louise Howard (Chairman), Alexis Cooke (Vice-Chair), Amy Dowdle, Debra Ludas, Durward Matheny, and Thomas Neal
Members Absent: Johanna Trotter and Scott Wagner
Staff Present: Agnes Wanman (Planner)
Guests Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by the Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Durward Matheny gave the Treasurer's report. After \$0.32 in interest, we currently have \$3,771.46 in our bank balance. One CD will come due on May 13, the day after our next regular meeting. Durward will check a couple other places for interest. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Update on Proposed Zoning Text Amendments covering PODS and Exempting Historic Buildings from Prohibition on Rebuilding after Destruction:** Agnes Wanman reported that the proposed changes were approved by the Board of Commissioners at their March meeting on March 16. A second reading is required. These will appear before the board at their April 20 meeting for final approval.
- B. **Christmas Historic Home Tour:** Some potential houses for the tour were discussed. A mailing was sent out to all properties in the mill village, the larger Wake Forest historic district, and landmarks asking people to volunteer their homes. Hours for the tour, ticket prices, entertainment, docents, etc were also discussed. We will be able to use the new Birthplace Museum as a center of operations during the tour. More committees were appointed.
- C. **Long Range Goals/Activities for Historic Preservation:** Put off until next month due to time. Agnes Wanman asked HPC members to review the list at home and email to her their comments and other ideas. She will bring consolidate them for discussion next time.
- D. **Other:** None.

NEW BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Cemetery Tour 2011:** Agnes Wanman received a request from Nancy Bates of the Cemetery Committee to consider holding a joint event with the Cemetery Committee for next year's cemetery tour. Nancy suggested combining a historic district walking tour, the spring garden tour, and the cemetery tour into one event.

Louise Howard said that a new Garden Club president will be in charge next year and she doesn't know what direction that tour will take. At this point the garden tour is so dispersed, in order to avoid the same gardens every tour, that combining with another event may not be feasible. With the historic district and cemetery on opposite sides of the railroad it would not be feasible to combine two events, one on each side. There is a lack of pedestrian access to join the two areas. Many HPC members felt that holding two events may actually draw some potential visitors to the cemetery away because many might opt for one or the other rather than both on the same day.

The HPC members suggested that the cemetery tour be promoted more aggressively and, perhaps, expanded to include programs on the history of cemetery design and customs, the meaning of symbols on head stones, etc. Perhaps, if the cemetery has or installs a nice garden it could be a site on the

garden tour. Docents could also give tour goers some information on the cemetery and its historical significance.

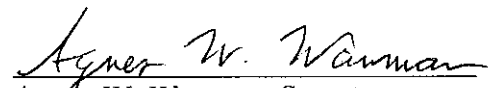
B. Other: None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Louise Howard, Chairman


Agnes W. Wanman, Secretary